

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the Presidential election is a clear example of violating the public trust and self-serving the corporate, NOT PUBLIC, interest.

Sinclair's action broadcast the very dangers of media consolidation that threaten an informed public because of their bias and wanton disregard for presenting both sides or multiple sides of an issue or point of view. When large companies like Sinclair control the airwaves and dictate to their community based subsidiaries what shall be aired and what shall not be aired, we, the public, is not served; democracy is not served; the nation is not served. We, the public, need to see real people from our own communities and real, more substantive news about issues that effect all of us. We don't need the news to take sides and stifle debate and dialogue. We don't need stovepiped information.

Sinclair's actions clearly demonstrate why we, the public, need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken

them. Sinclair's
actions need to be
investigated and the
license renewal
called into question
because of their
total disregard for
the best interests
of the public.
Respectfully
submitted.

Dr Bruce Harshman